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As 2012 comes to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone at EADS for the hard work and effort you've put in over the past year. We've always had a fast-paced operational tempo at EADS, but I cannot remember a year that was busier than this one.

From a longer-than-normal presidential election season to international summits and major inspections, the last year was jammed with critical events. Whether it was an inspection, an exercise or working one of the 115 Presidential flights we supported, you performed superbly in every instance.

I'm very aware that all of this was done with a staff that is stretched thin. It's no secret that EADS is undermanned by about 50 personnel. The fact that we are able to conduct the around-the-clock, no-fail mission and, when necessary, assume the added responsibility of protecting many of the nation's most prominent events, while dealing with a seemingly endless string of often-disruptive challenges like the ground-based controllers' physicals requirement, is a tribute to your professionalism and dedication.

I'm not the only one who realizes this, either. EADS members and crews won seven national awards in the past year. I don't know if it is unheard of for a single unit to win this many national awards, but it is certainly noteworthy. No one is prouder – and more appreciative of the consistently outstanding effort these awards reflect – than I am.

Health and Welfare Inspection

By now, everyone is aware of the recent health and welfare inspection the directors and chiefs conducted. The inspection was ordered by Gen. Mark Welsh, the Chief-of-Staff of the Air Force, and its purpose was to correct environments that may be contributing to sexual assault and harassment.



Col. Dawne Deskins
EADS Commander

As I noted at the commander's call, I don't believe EADS has issues in this area. With that said, however, there is obviously a problem within the larger force and a stricter standard has been implemented in regard to jokes, comments and innuendo of a sexual nature. We all need to be aware

of what we say, what we do and how we interact with others.

I don't see the newer and stricter standards as a change for us. I see them as reinforcing our existing culture of professionalism and respect.

Positive Control of Visitors

The heart-breaking murders at a Connecticut elementary school last Friday is a reminder of how important it is to maintain positive control of our visitors.

If you have a visitor coming, make sure their clearance information is properly vetted through security and that you meet them at the door on the day of their arrival. You then take the visitor to security and make sure they are properly badged and escorted during their time here. We've had a couple of instances of unbadged visitors roaming unescorted through Building 703 and this is unacceptable, so take charge of your visitors and remain with them during their time here.

Enjoy the Holidays

During the holidays, I want everyone to enjoy themselves and take some much needed time off. As always, be safe in your celebrations. If you drink, don't drive. If you're traveling, make sure you get the proper amount of rest and be aware of the weather. Winter is off to a mild start, but December weather can change quickly and suddenly. I want everyone to come back from the holidays safe and sound and ready for a New Year!

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Lt. Gen. Clarke Nominated as Director, Air National Guard

by Col. Nahaku McFadden, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, commander of the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region - 1st Air Force, has been nominated by President Obama to be the next director of the Air National Guard.

If confirmed by the Senate, Clarke will replace Lt. Gen. Harry "Bud" Wyatt III., who is retiring in January. Wyatt has led the Air National Guard since February 2009.

Wyatt said Clarke, if confirmed, is the right person at the right time.

"Sid is an outstanding leader," he said. "He has an opportunity to lead the best Air National Guard in our nation's history; a force that is proven in combat and domestic crises.

His wealth of command and staff positions will help shape and guide the Air Guard as we forge ahead to the future."

As Air Guard Director, Clarke will be responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs affecting more than 106,000 Air Guard members in more than 88 flying wings and 200 geographically separated units throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Clarke is no stranger to key leadership positions. At 1st Air Force, he commanded four direct reporting units, 10 aligned Air National Guard units, and a large number of active air defense alert sites -- including aircraft, air defense artillery, and up to 15,000 active duty, National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian personnel. As the Joint Force Air Component Commander for North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Clarke developed contingency plans and conducted full-spectrum U.S. Air Force air and space operations in the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as over the maritime approaches to the U.S.

Clarke is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours, including more than 100 in combat, in the T-38 Talon, C-26 Metroliner, A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon. He has served as the Deputy Director of the Air National Guard and as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air for the Alabama Air National Guard.

Prior to his NORAD assignment, Clarke served the senior defense official and defense attaché in Turkey. The general was commissioned in 1981 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Georgia. He has served in various operational and staff assignments including duty as an A-10 and F-16 instructor pilot. He also has commanded a squadron, fighter wing and air expeditionary wing.



U.S. Air Force graphic/Robin Meredith





NY Adjutant General Visits Detachment 2

Maj. Gen. Patrick Murphy, New York's Adjutant General, (far right) visited EADS Detachment 2 in early October. Pictured with Gen. Murphy at the 9-11 Memorial in the Transportation Security Administration's Freedom Center are Col. Dawne Deskins, EADS Commander; Brig. Gen. Anthony German, Chief of Staff, New York Air National Guard; Col. Wade Dewey, EADS Vice Commander; Lt Col Steve Vaughtner, Commander, EADS Det 2; and Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Quivey, the TAG's aide. The TAG also visited Detachment 1 and 1st Air Force-CONR headquarters during the trip. Photo courtesy of TSA.



Det 1 Volunteers Help with Sandy Clean-Up

Photos and story provided by Master Sgt. Kristy Stearns

On Nov. 16, Staff Sgt. Daniel Steere of Det 1, along with a group of volunteers from the Washington, D.C. area, headed to Breezy Point, N.Y. to assist with Super Storm Sandy relief and recovery efforts. They worked hand-in-hand assisting in the cleanup with a group named "Pump and Gut." Over the course of the weekend, the volunteers were able to assist five families in their recovery efforts. The cleanup duties included tearing out drywall and insulation, recovering personal items from flooded basements, and removal of appliances. In addition to the assistance provided to those five families, the volunteer group also collected much needed supplies and donated them to a local Breezy Point church.

EADS Also Provides Support: Maj. Jason Taylor, EADS Logistics Officer, and Drill Status Guardsmen Master Sgt. Robert Gates and Tech. Sgt. Dave Betti also spent several days in New York City in support of the New York National Guard's Sandy recovery efforts. Jerry Lee, Chief Airspace Scheduling in Operations, went to Long Island with his local church group and re-built several homes as part of an on-going Sandy relief effort.

'Tis the Season: If You Drink Don't Drive

by Maj. Frank Maida, EADS Staff Judge Advocate

The holiday season is a time for get-togethers and parties and we all need to be mindful of the serious consequences drinking and driving can have on our military career and life. Drinking and driving can lead to your arrest for driving while intoxicated (DWI), and if you have a minor child in the vehicle, you can be charged with a felony. If the DWI results in one's death, you will likely be charged with vehicular manslaughter, which if convicted, will likely result in a very long prison sentence. When you drink and drive, you put your life, your passengers, and others on the roadway at risk.

DWI is a very expensive ordeal. The average attorney fee ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Court fines range from \$500 to \$1,000 for a first offense DWI conviction. The state mandated surcharges range from \$260 to \$400. New York State Law also requires an alcohol screening/evaluation before sentencing, for everyone who is convicted of a drinking related offense, including both a driving while ability impaired (DWAI) which is a violation and DWI, which is a misdemeanor. The costs to be evaluated are approximately \$150. If treatment is recommended, the costs become substantially more.

A part of your sentence would also include completion of a state-mandated drinking and driving program which consists of a seven-week class, once a week, for approximately two to three hours per week. The course costs approximately \$200. Your driving license privileges will also be suspended for 90 days for a DWAI conviction and six months for a DWI. You may be entitled to a conditional license during the suspension and/or revocation period. Oh yes, there is a cost for the conditional license, \$75. You should also expect your automobile insurance premiums to double upon your conviction for an alcohol related offense. If convicted of a DWI, you must also install an ignition interlock device in any vehicle you own or operate, for a period of 6-months. The costs for the installation, maintenance and removal are approximately \$750. DMV also imposes a driver's responsibility assessment fee of \$250 per year, for a period of three years, post-conviction.

Finally, upon your conviction for a DWAI or DWI, and after spending approximately \$3,500 to \$7,500 in legal fees and other expenses, you will face the adverse consequences of being disciplined by the military for the bad choices you made. Upon your civilian conviction, you could face administrative discharge action from the New York Air National Guard.

Need I say more? Be safe and make the right choices. If you drink, don't drive. It is that simple.



Maj. Frank Maida

EADS 4th Annual Awards Banquet

Friday January 18th 2013

The Radisson Hotel Utica, NY

Social Hour: 1800 Dinner: 1900

Dress: Military: Officers - Formal
Enlisted: Formal or Semi-Formal
Civilian & Guests: Semi-Formal

Prices: E-6/GS6 & Below \$25
E-7/GS7—E-9/GS-11 \$35
Officers/GS-12 & Above \$45

Musical Entertainment to follow formal presentations

Tickets On Sale Now Through 11 January at:

- Comm Focal Point/ Chief Dooley—Bldg. 700
- CC Support Staff - Bldg. 703
- A Flight: TSgt Thornton
- B Flight: TSgt Coar
- C Flight: SSgt Sisson



Be Prepared for Holiday and Winter Hazards

By Joseph Ancone, EADS Safety and Occupational Health Manager

Most of us have already bought our trees and put up the holiday decorations, but there are some safety rules that we all need to keep in mind throughout the season.

- Keep the tree stand filled with water.
- When setting up the tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and other heat sources.
- Place the tree out of the way of traffic and don't block doorways.
- Check decorative lights, new or old, indoor or outdoor, for broken/cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard damaged sets.
- Turn off holiday lights at bedtime or when you leave the house.
- Don't run electrical cords under doors and carpets. Avoid extension cords if possible.
- Plug outdoor lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

WINTER DRIVING

Although winter hasn't arrived in Central New York yet, it's only a matter of time and everyone needs to be aware of the rules for winter driving. Here are some safe winter driving tips you should follow even if only driving a short distance.

- Clear snow/ice from all windows and lights, even the hood and roof, before driving.
- Know the road conditions. Don't try to out-drive the conditions. Give yourself enough time to get to your destination safely.
- Leave plenty of room for braking.
- Watch for black ice.
- Brake early.
- Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do. Actions by vehicles ahead will alert you quicker to problems and allow you that split-second extra time to react.
- Watch for slippery bridge decks and overpasses. Even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition bridges and overpasses will ice up sooner than the adjacent pavement.
- Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions and don't become overconfident in your truck or 4 x 4 vehicle.
- Go Slow. Drive according to the conditions!

Stickel and Keoviengsamay Named ANG Information Dominance Award Winners



Tech. Sgt. William Stickel (left) and Mr. Sonepith Keoviengsamay (right) have been recognized as outstanding performers in the Air Force Information Dominance program by the National Guard Bureau. Tech. Sgt. Stickel was named Outstanding Cyber Transport Systems NCO for 2012 by NGB's A6, which administered the awards. Mr. Keoviengsamay was named Outstanding Civilian Manager.

Chaplain's Corner: Something Old, Something New

by Lt. Col. Todd Luce, EADS Chaplain

We need something old and something new today.

There are several significant holidays and celebrations of the present season dating back to ancient times. For example, Christmas commemorates a birth 2,000 years ago and is observed in quite a variety of ways and cultures with numerous customizations and associated meanings. The tenor of ritualization also has a broad range as it is deeply spiritual for some while completely commercial for others, and some combination of these for most. Christmas and other annual holidays represent something old to us and bring it forward.

Amidst the plurality of faiths and traditions during this season, it is important to pause and acknowledge that it's joyous and light-hearted for some, but at the same time quite painful and difficult for others. We can each show a certain sensitivity to this reality. You may even seek opportunities to share in the presence of this season with someone you know. It'll make this year more meaningful for you and more bearable for them.

Even as some hearken the season to be finished, you can look ahead with hope toward anticipated activities and beginnings of the new year. This affects every level of our being, motivating and refreshing us. There are new goals, new interactions, new people, new events and new adventures that await you. It is important to be able to get a glimpse of what lies just ahead for you. We often need a little hope to help us along the way. Our individual hopes and dreams of a preferred future represent what is not seen yet and bring us forward to it.

You could say that the holiday season keeps the heritage of long ago relevant for today, while the turning of the page on the calendar points us toward the hope of tomorrow. We need them both. Something old, something new.



Lt. Col. Todd Luce

NORAD's Command Senior Enlisted Adviser Visits EADS

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Winzenried, NORAD Command Senior Enlisted Adviser, toured EADS on Dec. 4. CSM Winzenried coined three outstanding performers during his visit: Staff Sgt. Vincent St. Onge (pictured at right with the sergeant major), Staff Sgt. Nicholas Johns and Master Cpl. Scott Atkinson.

During his visit, CSM Winzenried met with EADS senior enlisted personnel, Chief Master Sgt. Chris Giuffrida, Chief Master Sgt. Maureen Dooley, WO Randy Reisch, Sgt. Major Patrick Finnegin, EADS Army LNO, and New York State Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard King to discuss issues affecting the enlisted force.



Deputy NORAD Commander Visits Canadian Detachment

by Capt. Andrew Lawton, Canadian Forces

Dec. 5 marked a momentous day for the EADS Canadian Detachment. We were honoured to welcome the Deputy Commander NORAD, Lieutenant-General Parent and the NORAD IG Superintendent/CNOS CWO, Chief Warrant Officer Denis Mailloux to our Canadian Community. LGen Parent took the time out of his busy schedule to share breakfast with us and present some significant awards to members of the detachment.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (QDJM) is part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations highlighting how Canada has evolved over the past 60 years under Her Majesty's reign. This significant award was presented to Capt Ryan in recognition for his outstanding leadership and selfless dedication as a deployed ABM during high profile international summits, President Obama's first official visit to Canada and OP PODIUM. His tremendous standard of performance and superb liaison between NORAD, US Secret Service and the Federal Aviation Administration ensured the safety of high ranking diplomats during numerous operations and brought great credit upon himself and the Canadian Forces.

Two other members of the detachment received NORAD Deputy Commander coins. Lt Wallace received a coin for his outstanding promotion of physical fitness and sportsmanship amongst the Canadians and Americans at EADS as the Canadian Detachment Sports Officer and Canadian hockey representative. Also receiving a coin was Warrant Officer Reisch for his extraordinary performance as the EADS Stan/Eval Superintendent during the recent EADS AFNORTH STANEVAL Inspection.

Congratulations to all award recipients!



CF Members Recognized by LGen Parent

Lieutenant-General J.A.J. Parent, Royal Canadian Air Force, Deputy Commander, NORAD held a breakfast/town hall with the Canadian Detachment on Dec. 5. During the event, LGen Parent presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Capt. Peter Ryan and presented excellence coins to Lt. Greg Wallace and Warrant Officer Randy Reisch. Photos by Capt. Andrew Lawton.

Beaver Den Hosts At-Home Christmas Dinner

by Master Cpl. Sean Parent, Canadian Forces

This year the Non-Commissioned Members (NCMs) hosted the Officers of the Canadian Detachment. The annual affair allows fellow colleagues to come together in the Christmas spirit to enjoy some good food and a few laughs. In keeping with tradition, the youngest NCM exchanges ranks with the Commander. As well the most senior un-appointed NCM exchanges ranks with the UWO. This year saw Sgt Mueller-Neuhaus become a Warrant Officer and MCpl Parent attain the lofty rank of LCol. The newly minted MCpl Pletz seemed to enjoy his new rank and Sgt Reisch was happy to hand over some responsibility, if only for a little while.

Dinner was provided by the NCMs and was enjoyed by all. We were also treated to a humourous slide show capturing some key moments from the year in review. This was rounded out by a couple of photo-shopped videos, most notably, the UWO dancing to “Gangnam style”.

No “At Home” would be complete without an appearance by Santa himself. Everyone got a chance to sit on Santa’s knee and find out if they were naughty or nice. Even though there were some lumps of coal handed out this year it was a pleasant surprise to find chocolate inside.

Next year it will be the Officers turn to host the NCMs and I’m sure it will be just as fun, well, maybe even better as I won’t have to cook anything.



LCol Pletz and Master Cpl. Parent, the youngest non-commissioned member, exchange rank prior to the at-home dinner.

Movember Participants Help Raise Awareness of Men’s Health Issues

by Randy Rauch, Joint NAS Defense Planning Group Manager

During November, the Movember cancer awareness event is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces in the U.S. and around the world. With their Mo’s, these men raise vital awareness and funds for men’s health issues, specifically prostate and testicular cancer initiatives. This year Tech. Sgt. Jason Rutherford organized the effort here at EADS and 31 individuals participated, raising more than \$200 for prostate cancer and testicular cancer initiatives.

As some of you know, I’m a testicular cancer survivor. About 4 months after arriving at EADS in December 1996 I started feeling discomfort and eventually went to the doctor, where I was diagnosed with Stage I seminoma. I had surgery, followed by radiation treatment at Bethesda Naval Hospital. I then continued with periodic checkups there until I was considered cured – meaning I had gone five years without a recurrence of the cancer.

Testicular cancer is most common form of cancer in men ages 15 to 25. White men are more likely than African-American and Asian-American men to develop this cancer and symptoms may or may not be present. This is the reason why most cases are discovered by the individual during self-examination. The good news is that it is one of the most curable types of cancer and it has a low rate of recurrence.

The key is awareness -- some forms of the cancer can double in size in 10 to 14 days, so let the 15 to 34 year-olds in your life know about it and urge them to perform periodic self-exams since it’s the primary method of detection.



Movember participants (kneeling) were Master Sgt. Donald Genei, Master Sgt. John DeMarco, Tech. Sgt. Matt Pelland. Standing were Master Sgt. Geoffrey Christian, Staff Sgt. Bryan Severs, Randy Rauch, Sr. Airman Ben Plumley, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Miner, Sr. Airman Bobby Holness, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Johns and Master Sgt. Ron Arbour. Tech. Sgt. Jason Rutherford coordinated the effort and 31 EADS personnel participated, raising a little more than \$200 for the Movember education and awareness programs. Photo by Tim Jones.



photo courtesy of Carrie Gayne, The Griff

Volunteers Support Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive

Maj. Joe Stevens (left), Staff Sgt. Derek Micelli (center) and Staff Sgt. Eric Lewis ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive on Dec. 5 at the Rome Wal-Mart. EADS' 34 volunteers manned the kettle for 12 consecutive hours. The oldest, charitable fundraiser of its kind, the Red Kettle Drive raises money for toys, food, clothing and social service programs. EADS collected \$1,016 for the cause.

Airmen and Civilian of the Quarter



Mr. Krispin Dorfman
Civilian



Capt. Brian Freshwater
Company Grade Officer



Master Sgt.
Patricia Clayton
Senior NCO



Tech. Sgt.
Randall Wehrung
NCO



Sr. Airman Alex Makuch
Junior Enlisted Airman

Congratulations Corner

The Eastern Air Defense Sector congratulates the following personnel on their recent promotions.

James Sultenfuss

Commander, USN

David Nery

Lt. Colonel

Rex Vernales

Major

Bonnie Graziano

1st Lieutenant

Lena Lewis

Master Sgt.

Robert Anna

Tech. Sgt.

Brandon Bembenic

Tech.Sgt.

Joshua Barrett

Tech. Sgt.

Samuel Talarico

Tech. Sgt.

Hail and Farewell

EADS extends a warm welcome to our recent new joins.

Maj. Matthew Duda came from the 107th Air Control Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz. He and his wife Kristi have two children and reside in Rome.

Capt. Christian Sanchez joined from the 141st ACS at the Punta Borinquen Radar Site in Aguadilla, P.R. He's currently residing in Rome, while his wife, Kristina, and their daughter are in Puerto Rico.

Staff Sgt. Charles Haggins came to EADS from the 710 Combat Operations Squadron at Langley AFB, Va. He and his wife Neketa have three children and live in Vernon.

Sr. Airman Thomas Silva came from the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes ANGB in Westfield, Mass. and is currently residing in Holland Patent.

EADS bids a fond farewell and good luck to following retirees and transfers: **Master Sgt. Jennifer Carle, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Rogers, Tech. Sgt. Joe Mondo, Tech. Sgt. Lori Smothers, Maj. Dan Perez., Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Bruno** and **Sr. Master Sgt. Ed Warner.**



Progress Being Made on Server Room

Workers pour concrete for the walls of the new Building 700 server room on Oct. 25. The new \$1.4 million addition will add approximately 3,000 square feet to the facility and is scheduled to be completed in May. photo by Tim Jones

Children's Christmas Party 2012

The annual EADS Children's Christmas Party was held at the Family Readiness Group on Sunday, Dec. 2. The two-hour party attracted more than 70 children, who demonstrated varying degrees of enthusiasm and suspicion of old Saint Nick. Pictured below are:

Top photo: Santa Claus (Staff Sgt. Kevin Ammer) makes his way into the FRG with help from his elf (Travis Grieder, son of Master Sgt. Michael Weissgarber), while Mrs. Claus (Tech. Sgt. Leah Richmond) looks on.

Middle photos: Nickolas Carey, son of Staff Sgt. Joseph Carey and Declan Pelland (right), son of Tech. Sgt. Matthew Pelland and Tech. Sgt. Carrie Pelland, have stand-up conversations with Santa.

Bottom: Staff Sgt. Dan Schmitt and daughter Jaiden tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Kim Dagata

